

OBITUARY

E H BROWN

MA, DM, FRCP, DCH

Dr E H Brown, consultant physician at Hither Green Hospital, died on 12 April. He was 56.

Edward Hilton Brown was born on 15 October 1920. He graduated at Oxford in 1944



and during his clinical training at Bristol won the Supple prize medal in surgery and the Sanders scholarship and silver medal. After house jobs at Bristol Royal Infirmary, during which he took the DCH, he became assistant medical officer (grade 1) at Lewisham Hospital in

1945. This post included not only general medicine, paediatrics, and anaesthetics, but also the care of 150 infants at Ladywell Residential Nursery. The latter provided much of the material for his DM thesis on giardiasis, and probably sowed the seeds of his lifelong interest in infectious diseases. National service in various military hospitals in Germany was followed by a return to the Lewisham Health District as senior registrar in infectious diseases and general medicine at Hither Green Hospital in 1950. Apart from a period as senior registrar at the Royal Free Hospital in 1954-5, Dr Brown remained at Hither Green and became consultant physician there in 1959. He was a smallpox consultant for the Ministry of Health, a member of council and on the advisory editorial board of the Fellowship of Postgraduate Medicine, and an active member of the council of the Association for the Study of Infectious Diseases (now the British Society for the Study of Infection). He was also lecturer in infectious diseases to Guy's Hospital medical school.

Dr Brown's literary contributions were few in number but of the highest quality. He was interested in the practical problems of the management of infections and especially in the prevention and control of hospital-generated infections. He was devoted to Hither Green Hospital, and indeed its welfare and that of its patients was always his main interest. He taught generations of students the basic principles of infectious diseases, and many housemen and registrars who had the privilege of working with him gratefully acknowledge the invaluable guidance he gave them. The nursing staff, too, always responded to his unflagging enthusiasm for closer observation and care of all patients. He was first and last a perfectionist in the role of down-to-earth clinician, prepared to be house physician, registrar, consultant, or all three together, if needed. He worked extremely hard himself and had little time for slackers. With his departure Hither Green Hospital has lost a bulwark of strength and the medical profession

a colleague of the highest integrity. For a man always fit and endowed with much energy and drive the realisation that he had carcinoma of the pancreas was indeed a cruel blow. He bore the last months with courage and extraordinary willpower, supported by his wife Sherry and daughter Lesley.—PB.

H J R KIRKPATRICK

MB, CHB, FRCPATH, DPH

Dr H J R Kirkpatrick, formerly consultant pathologist to the Royal Northern Infirmary, Inverness, died on 16 April. He was 81.

Henry Joseph Rodway Kirkpatrick was born at Taunton, Somerset, where his father was a chemist. During the first world war he was commissioned in the Seaforth Highlanders and in 1916 was severely wounded to such an extent that much of his later life had to be sedentary. After a long period in hospital he became a student at Edinburgh, graduating in medicine in 1923. The following year he took the DPH of Cambridge. After five years as lecturer in anatomy at St Andrews University, a lectureship in bacteriology at Edinburgh, and a period in the bacteriology and pathology departments at Queen's Hospital, Birmingham, he went to Inverness and was senior consultant pathologist there from 1935 until his retirement in 1960. At Inverness the pathological and bacteriological services in the north of Scotland were developed in remarkable fashion and the North of Scotland Blood Transfusion Service was created and operated with Harry Kirkpatrick as its founder director. For many years the Crown relied on him in High Court trials and inquiries when expert pathological opinion was required, and his patience and skill became almost legendary. After his retirement he continued to work at Inverness and then to a decreasing extent at Glasgow. He was a founder fellow of the Royal College of Pathologists.

Dr Kirkpatrick's wife Nora, whom he married in 1925, was also a doctor and for several years haematologist in his department at Inverness. She died three years ago and he is survived by his twin sons, one of whom is a professor of surgery, and by his daughter.

C P MILLS

MB, BS, FRCS

Mr C Peter Mills, senior consultant ear, nose, and throat surgeon to the General Infirmary at Leeds and Seacroft Hospital, died suddenly in hospital on 2 March. He was 52.

Charles Peter Mills was born at Linton-on-Ouse in North Yorkshire and studied medicine at Guy's Hospital, for which he also played rugby. After graduating with honours at London University in 1948 he held house appointments at Guy's, and after a period of national service in the RAF and some general surgery obtained the FRCS in 1953. He then decided to specialise in otolaryngology and

trained at Bristol and Guy's. In 1959 he was appointed ENT surgeon to Leeds General Infirmary and to St James's, the Public Dispensary, and Seacroft hospitals. He quickly established himself as a leading otolaryngologist at Leeds and beyond. An extremely able surgeon and an outstanding clinician, his opinion was highly respected by his colleagues. He had a broad interest in the specialty, but his main enthusiasm and greatest contribution were in the surgery of the larynx and upper oesophagus. By nature quiet and reserved, he did not seek publicity, but by invitation addressed the Royal Society of Medicine, the North of England Otolaryngological Society, on whose council he was serving at the time of his death, and other professional bodies. Among his publications his major contribution was in Rob and Smith's *Operative Surgery* on cricopharyngeal sphincterotomy.

Peter Mills was a very popular member of the hospital staff and especially in the department, where he often revealed his great sense of humour. An able organiser and administrator, he took a big part in the planning and rebuilding of the ENT departments at St James's and Seacroft hospitals and in the reconstruction of the outpatient services at the infirmary. In 1972 he became a city magistrate and was very proud of this contribution to the community, a task he undertook with typical enthusiasm, fairness, and ability. He led a full life, but his greatest joy was to return to his home and devoted wife Nanette and their family. He will be sadly missed by his friends and colleagues and especially by his wife, two married daughters, and son.—OCL.

J V COPE

MC, MD, FRCSI

Dr J V Cope, who had been in general practice at Ewell, Surrey, for 47 years, died on 13 February. He was 84.

Joseph Victor Cope, eldest son of a Dublin practitioner, was born on 25 June 1892 and educated at St Andrew's College, Dublin, and Trinity College, graduating in 1915. Joining the RAMC, he served in Gallipoli, Salonika, France, and Belgium and in 1917 was awarded the Military Cross. After demobilisation he was house surgeon at Sheffield Royal Infirmary. He proceeded MD and took the FRCPI in 1919. After a short period as a general practitioner at Newark he joined a practice at Ewell in 1921 and remained there until his retirement in 1968. He was a respected and conscientious family practitioner whose devout Christian faith was a source of great strength to himself and his seriously ill or bereaved patients. Entering fully into all aspects of medical responsibilities, he was especially fond of his work at Epsom and Ewell Cottage Hospital, of which he was chairman for some years, and he was on several Surrey BMA committees. In 1941 he joined the Home Guard and was battalion medical officer with the rank of major when it was disbanded. He was an enthusiastic Rotarian and his re-

creational interests were golf, tennis, bridge, and gardening. Latterly he was a keen bowls player.

Joe Cope was married to Kathleen for 53 years until her death in 1972, and they had three sons. In 1974 his marriage to a widow, Dorothy Kellie, was a source of happiness to their families, who had known each other for 50 years. She predeceased him by a few months and Dr Cope is survived by two of his sons.—DHPC.

D O DAVIES

MB, BS, FRCP

Dr D O Davies, who was in general practice at Whitstable, died suddenly on 2 March. He was 52.

Daniel Oliver Davies qualified at Guy's in 1947. While still a student he was a member of one of the first medical teams to enter Belsen. After service in the Royal Air Force he joined a practice at Whitstable in 1951. He rapidly built up a full list and then turned his talents to innovation both within and outside the practice. He was one of the prime movers in establishing a health centre at Whitstable. In 1964 he was a founder of the young general practitioners' course at Canterbury and was still actively engaged in its management as the Canterbury vocational training scheme. In 1969 he took a six-months sabbatical in the Zambia Flying Doctor Service, which he thoroughly enjoyed. Dan Davies was secretary of the East Kent Division of the BMA for a period. For some years he was a member of the Royal College of General Practitioners and in 1974 was elected a fellow. At the time of his death he was a member of the area health council, the family practitioner committee, and the local medical committee. He was medical officer to the local Royal National Lifeboat Institution. With all his activities he still had time for sailing, the Round Table, and later the 41 Club. His sudden early death brought a sense of shock and bereavement to his patients, friends, and colleagues. Dr Davies is survived by his wife Greta and two sons.—DGH.

J A HOWE

MB, CHB

Dr J A Howe, who was in general practice at Sheffield, died on 18 March. He was 55.

John Anthony Howe was educated at Liverpool College and Liverpool University. He joined the Army in 1940 after the 1st MB, and was eventually captured at Arnhem, wounded for the third time. He resumed his studies after the war and graduated in 1951, proceeding to hospital appointments at Burnley before settling in general practice at Sheffield in partnership with his wife Elizabeth. An excellent clinician, he combined a compelling concern for the sick with a notably objective approach to the shortcomings of the NHS, and his informed, level-headed, straightforward contributions to debates were in constant demand. He represented Sheffield in the Representative Body of the BMA for several years, was an effective chairman of the local medical committee, and earned the respect of all parties in the executive council. His practical good sense showed clearly in his function as deputy coroner. He deserved the gratitude of his colleagues throughout Britain

for his part in the preparation of the Pilling Report on general practice in 1964, regarded by many as the cornerstone of the Charter.

An outstanding man of great kindness, humour, and erudition, Dr Howe typified the more admirable traditions of his profession, and his innumerable friends will miss him sorely. He is survived by his wife and three children.—BB.

W R W BONNER-MORGAN

MRCS, LRCP

Dr W R W Bonner-Morgan, who was in general practice at Worcester Park, Surrey, died suddenly on 9 February. He was 76.

Wynn Rowland Watkin Bonner-Morgan was born at Burton-on-Trent and educated at Epsom College. He studied medicine at Cardiff University and St Bartholomew's Hospital, qualified in 1925, and held appointments at the Metropolitan Hospital and the Albert Docks Seamen's Hospital. It was at the latter that he developed an interest in tropical medicine, and in 1927 he took the post of medical officer to a group of rubber estates around Sungei Patani in the State of Kedah, Malaya, where he spent eight years. In 1936 he returned to England and began what was to become a 40-year period in general practice at Worcester Park.

Dr Bonner-Morgan was greatly interested in his work and was an active member of the Sutton and District Medical Society. His long experience, sound common sense, kindness, and calm attitude made him an ideal counsellor for patients and colleagues. He was much loved and will be sadly missed.—HHBP.

JEAN E HODGSON

MB, CHB

Dr Jean Hodgson, formerly in general practice at Aldershot, Hampshire, died on 1 February after a short illness. She was 63.

Jean Elizabeth Roberts was born on 28 December 1913 and educated at St Martin in the Fields School, where she became head girl. She proceeded to St Andrews University and Dundee and graduated in medicine in 1937. While at medical school she met her husband-to-be, Mandell Hodgson. They worked together in hospital appointments and also in general practice in various parts of the country. During the second world war Dr Jean settled at Guildford to await the return of her husband, who had joined the RAMC. At the end of the war they set up in practice at Aldershot, and she retired from the practice in January 1974.

Dr Jean was well loved for her many kindnesses to those who were in need. She is sorely missed by her colleagues and former patients, and especially by her husband, four children, and grandchildren.—IMJ.

H D M GILLIES

MB, CHB

Dr H D M Gillies, a general practitioner at Stornoway, Isle of Lewis, died suddenly in hospital at Inverness on 29 March. He was 56.

Hugh Donald Mackay Gillies studied medicine at Aberdeen University, graduating in 1944. After service with the RAMC in

India he returned to Stornoway in 1947 and entered general practice, making this his life's work. He gave much of his time to medical administration, serving with the former executive council for Ross and Cromarty and then as a member of the Western Isles Health Board and as a member of the Scottish Health Service Planning Council. With his wide experience and knowledge his opinion in these committees was greatly valued. He took an active part in the planning of the new Stornoway Health Centre and it is sad that he did not live to see it functioning.

Hugh Gillies will be remembered as a much loved general practitioner of the old school—a father figure to his younger colleagues, with a kind and courteous manner that exemplified the whole pattern of his Christian life. An astute and careful clinician, he showed endless patience, understanding, and sympathy with the problems and illnesses of his many patients. A most generous man, he was an expert fisherman, and many were the gifts of salmon he would unobtrusively pass to his friends. His final illness occurred at the start of a short fishing holiday in Sutherland, a district he greatly loved. His sudden death was a grievous loss to his medical colleagues, patients, and many friends in the Outer Hebrides and north of Scotland, where he was widely respected as a member of and lay preacher in the Free Presbyterian Church. In all he did he was greatly helped by his wife Sheila, who is herself a doctor in the practice, and who survives him with two sons and two daughters.—JCRG.

C E DUKES

OBE, MSC, MD, FRCS, FRCPATH

HD writes: The passing of Dr Cuthbert Dukes (obituary, 26 February, p 588) closes an epoch of pioneering in clinical pathology. He stayed in the Army until 1920, having joined in 1914, because there was no one, either service or lay, to do the work: such selfless interest characterised him. Since 1922 his hand unobtrusively guided many developments at St Mark's Hospital, especially in its research into cancer, ulcerative colitis, and familial polyposis. The hospital has become a Mecca for surgeons and pathologists. He turned to the Society of Friends for his spiritual sustenance, seeking to avoid any further wars. He introduced Christian names—they were not general in the 'thirties. Dukes was a benediction, as instanced by the woman who supplied him with groceries, who said, "When I was serving Dr Dukes I felt a lady."

D H PATEY

MS, FRCS

THS writes: David Patey (obituary, 16 April, p 1035) added dignity to everything that he did. The world of surgery recognised him as a great general surgeon whose conscientious and scrupulous handling of all aspects of his craft made him an outstanding figure. He was particularly interested over the years in parotid tumours, where his expertise and deliberate approach were well suited to the problem. He was a first-class teacher and worshipped by his juniors, but above all he was a man of complete and absolute integrity and sincerity whose influence will long be remembered.